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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 22-29 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
claims 1-21, 30-43 (partially)

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

Invention 1: claims 1-21, 30-43 (partially)

Isolated gene as defined in SEQ ID NOs 1-3, and splice variants thereof (SEQ ID NOs 52-55); vectors, host cells antibodies etc.; Use of a biallelic marker at position 1199 of SEQ ID NO 1 for diagnosis and genotyping.

Invention 2: claims 1-21, 30-43 (partially)

Biallelic marker at position 1262 of SEQ ID NO 1 and uses thereof for diagnosis and genotyping.

Inventions 3-85: claims 1-21, 30-43 (partially)

Biallelic marker at position 1444, 1490 ... 2525 (positions as specified in claim 30) of SEQ ID NO 1 and uses thereof for diagnosis and genotyping.

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Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 22-29

Claims 22-29 concern a modulator of the polypeptide without giving a true technical characterization. Moreover, no such compounds are disclosed in the application as filed. As a consequence, the scope of said claims is unclear and the subject-matter is not sufficiently disclosed and supported (Art. 5/6 PCT). Therefore, no meaningful search can be carried out for these purely speculative claims (Art 17(2)(a)(ii) PCT).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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